



Housing Opportunities Commission Minutes
November 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers &
Virtual Online – WebEx Meeting

Members Present: Betzig-Lundberg, Chaput, Crowell, Gomez, Gulbrandson, Moseley, Poser, Rogers, Theisen, Councilmember Xiong

Staff Present: Allen, Johnathan

1. Call to Order at 5:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Present in the Council Chambers were Gulbrandson and Moseley. Present virtually online were Betzig-Lundberg, Chaput, Crowell, Gomez, Poser, Rogers, Theisen, and Councilmember Xiong.
3. Meeting Minutes – Minutes of October 14, 2020, were approved on a motion by Poser and second by Betzig-Lundberg.
4. Open public comment period for items that do not appear on this agenda noted as public hearings or public discussion. None.
5. Public Discussions
 - A. Review background information – Several Commissioners commented on their review of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Director Johnathan provided responses to questions and offered to gather additional information from the Plan's consultant, MSA. Director Allen referred to the new portions of the updated Multi-Family Design Manual, noting the majority of the changes were specific to the city's core neighborhoods. Director Allen reviewed the Plan Commission's Comprehensive Plan 5-year review process and requested feedback and input specifically on Chapter 10: *Housing Assistance, Diversity and Design Plan*.
 - B. Affordable Housing Fund – Director Allen presented materials from the agenda packet for discussion, including a staff memo with four options: 1.a. Competitive Awards for New Construction; 1.b. Leverage LIHTC for New Construction; 2.a. Rehabilitation of Existing Housing; and 2.b. Increase Home Ownership. Discussion focused on reducing barriers for affordable housing, what best increases supply, new versus existing housing units, possible down payment assistance, universal design retrofits, and new construction. Consensus centered on pursuing a policy recommendation with a combination of 1.a. and 2.a.
 - C. 2021 Draft Work Plan – Commissioner Moseley provided a draft work plan in the agenda packet. Chairperson Crowell requested that this item be tabled to the December 9th meeting, due to time constraints.
6. Other Business Agenda Items –
 - A. Staff Updates – Director Allen noted that additional information on the new Transit Development Plan and Parking Study Update are forthcoming and would be worthwhile reviewing by the Commission at a future meeting.
7. Discussion and Direction
 - A. Future Agenda Items – The Commission agreed to discuss the draft work plan at the next meeting.
 - B. Announcements – None.
8. On a motion by Vice-Chairperson Chaput and second by Gulbrandson, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Crowell".

Beth Crowell, Chairperson